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Title: TITANIUM ALLOY-PIN BATTERY FEEDTHROUGH FOR AN
IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following response is responsive to the final Office Action mailed 27 April 2004 which set a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire 27 July 2004. Applicants submit this Reply to Final Office Action in advance of the expiry of two-months from the mailing date of the final Office Action.

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